

**Adam Stephen to George Washington, July 19, 1758,
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FROM LIEUTENANT-COLONEL ADAM STEPHEN.

CAMP AT RAES TOWN July 19th. 1758

SIR,

Col. Bouquet was at first in a great dilemma betwixt his great inclination to serve you, & the Attachment he has to regularity, duty & discipline. He is sensible the Enemy we deal with is Active and Enterprizing, & thinks himself answerable for What happens in your Absence. But as he is really a good man, & willing to Oblige, His Inclination to Serve you gaind the Superiority, and He has such a favourable Opinion of you that, That he will not easily believe that matters go Right until you return¹

I have sent a provision Return of this Detachmt. and will Obey your Orders respecting the Dress &c.

John Dow never wrote me whether you paid him my order, £30 for Alexander & Lochard & £23 Lt. Blagg amounting to £53 If it is not paid be so good as take up the Order, now you are going down, and oblige

Sir Your most Obt. hble. Sert. ADAM STEPHEN

¹ Colonel Bouquet gave Washington leave to attend the election. In acknowledgment Washington said: "I am exceedingly obliged by the handsome and polite manner in which you are pleased to give me leave to attend the Election at Winchester. Altho' my being there on any other occasion would, at any other time, be very agreeable

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to me; yet I can hardly persuade myself to think of being absent from my more immediate Duty, even for a few days. I will not however come to any absolute determination on this matter till I receive answers to some letters on that subject (which I expect this night or tomorrow) In the meantime I beg you will allow me to subscribe myself &c., &c."